

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application so as to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for controlling, in accordance with a manipulation input, reproduction of content data read out from a content recording medium,
said information reproducing apparatus, comprising:
additional function information reading means for reading out, from the content recording medium, additional function information indicating an additional function correlated with the manipulation input; and
additional function executing means for executing the additional function in response to the manipulation input;
wherein
the content recording medium stores data having a data structure in which the content data is sectioned based on a unit time, and
the additional function information corresponds with time information which indicates during which units of time the manipulation input is allowed or prohibited.

2. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
further comprising:

additional function program reading means for reading
out, from the content recording medium, an additional
function program which indicates the additional function
and which is stored in the content recording medium
together with the content data.

3. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
further comprising:

image information reading means for reading out, from
the content recording medium, image information
which indicates the additional function and which is
stored in the content recording medium together with
the content data;

wherein:

the additional function executing means displays the image
information in response to the manipulation input.

4. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
further comprising:

text information reading means for reading out, from
the content recording medium, text information
which indicates the additional function and which is
stored in the content recording medium together with
the content data;

wherein:

the additional function executing means displays the
text information in response to the manipulation
input.

5. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
further comprising:

audio information reading means for reading out, from
the content recording medium, audio information
which indicates the additional function and which is
stored in the content recording medium together with
the content data;

wherein:

the additional function executing means reproduces the
audio information in response to the manipulation
input.

6. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 5,
wherein:

the additional function information includes a flag
indicating whether or not sound of the content data
is muted while the audio information is reproduced.

7. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any
one of claims 1 through 6, wherein:

the additional function information is so set as to
correspond to each scene of the content data.

8. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in
any one of claims 1 through 6, further comprising:

main function control information reading means for
reading out, from the content recording medium,
main function control information indicating whether
or not execution of a main function is approved,
which main function is a function intrinsically
corresponding to the manipulation input; and
main function control means for controlling, in
accordance with the main function control
information, the execution of the main function,
which execution is carried out in response to the
manipulation input.

9. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,
wherein:

the main function control information is so set as to
correspond to each scene of the content data.

10. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,
wherein:

a function for notifying information concerning
disapproval of execution of the main function is
assigned, as an additional function, to the
manipulation input corresponding to the main
function whose execution is disapproved by the main
function control information.

11. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,
wherein:

a function for notifying information representing that
the manipulation input is prohibited is assigned, as
an additional function, to the manipulation input
corresponding to the main function whose execution
is disapproved by the main function control
information.

12. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,
wherein:

a function for notifying information representing an
approved manipulation input is assigned, as an
additional function, to the manipulation input
corresponding to the main function whose execution
is disapproved by the main function control
information.

13. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in
any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:

the manipulation input corresponds to either
(i) manipulation of suspending the reproduction
of the content data or (ii) manipulation of halting
the reproduction of the content data, and a function
for notifying information different from the content
data that is being reproduced is assigned, as an
additional function, to the manipulation input.

14. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:
the manipulation input corresponds to manipulation of changing either (i) a reproduction direction of the content data or (ii) reproduction speed of the content data, and a function for notifying information different from the content data that is being reproduced is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.
15. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:
the manipulation input corresponds to manipulation of carrying out fast-forward of the content data, and a function for notifying information different from the content data that is being reproduced is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.

16. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:
the manipulation input corresponds to manipulation of carrying out fast-forwarding of the content data, and a function for (i) carrying out the fast-forwarding of the content data until a predetermined position and (ii) reproducing the content data at normal speed from the predetermined position is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.
17. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:
a function different from the function intrinsically corresponding to the manipulation input is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.
18. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 17, wherein:
the manipulation input corresponds to reproduction manipulation carried out during the reproduction of the content data, and a function different from a reproduction function is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.

19. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 10,
wherein:

the additional function is a function for notifying the
information such that the information is overlaid
with the content data that is being reproduced.

20. (Canceled, without prejudice)

21. (Canceled, without prejudice)

22. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 13,
wherein:

the additional function is a function for notifying the
information such that the information is overlaid
with the content data that is being reproduced.

23. (Canceled, without prejudice)

24. (Canceled, without prejudice)

25. (Canceled, without prejudice)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling, in accordance with a manipulation input, reproduction of content data read out from a content recording medium,

said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) reading out, from the content recording medium, additional function information indicating an additional function correlated with the manipulation input; and
- (b) executing the additional function in response to the manipulation input-;

wherein

the content recording medium stores data having

a data structure in which the content data is sectioned based on a unit time and

the additional functional information corresponds

with time information which indicates during which units of time the manipulation input is allowed and prohibited.

27. (Original) A content recording medium storing the content data and the additional function information such that the content data and the additional function information is able to be supplied to the information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1.

28. (Currently Amended) A control program encoded on a computer-readable medium for operating the information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 6, and for causing a computer to serve as each means of the information reproducing apparatus.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing a the control program for operating the information producing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims ~~claim 28~~ 1 through 6, and for causing a computer to serve as each means of the information reproducing apparatus.

Please add the following New Claim 30:

30. (New) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8 wherein:
- allowing or prohibiting the manipulation input is done by executing the
 - main function according to the units of time specified in the time
 - information; and
 - the additional function is based on the executed main function.